



*Anthracite Creek with a view of the Raggeds,  
Photo taken from Campground*

The Erickson Springs Campground is at an elevation of 6,800 feet and is in operation from Memorial Day weekend through September. Contact the Paonia Ranger District at 970-527-4131 to inquire about campground availability during hunting season. The maximum stay limit is 14 days.

The campground has 18 camp sites that have a spur length of 35 feet. The campground host stays in one of them. There are tent pads at 16 of the camp sites. A maximum of 8 people and two cars are allowed per site with an extra charge for each additional vehicle. The campground is operated on a first come first serve basis. Each site has a picnic table and fire ring/grill. Potable water is available as well as vault toilets and garbage cans. Bear proof food storage containers are required in all the GMUG campgrounds.

The Dark Canyon Trail Head and ATV parking for the Raggeds Trail are near by with hiking trails, riding trails, horse facilities and day use. There is a \$14.00 fee for over night camping in the Trail Head, but not a fee to just park and use the trails. ATV use is not allowed in the campground so ATV's should be parked at the ATV parking area where camping is not allowed. The Raggeds ATV Trail #820 is at the end of Forest Service Road #795. FSR #795 is just west of the campground before the bridge on the north side of Gunnison County Road 12. ATV's are allowed to ride from Erickson Springs Campground to the Raggeds Trailhead on CR 12.

### **FIRE SAFETY:**

**CHECK IN WITH YOUR LOCAL FOREST SERVICE OFFICE TO SEE IF FIRE BANS ARE IN EFFECT.**



### **Stream Safety:**

**DO NOT** drink water directly from a river or stream. Water needs to be treated first by either filtering, boiling for at least 10 minutes or treating with iodine tablets. The potable water at the campground has been treated and tested by the State.



### **Multiple use:**

As you use this area you may notice that the Forest is managed for a broad range of uses. Recreation use alone includes hiking, horseback riding, hunting, snowmobiling and sightseeing. In addition, the vegetation in the Forest requires some form of management. Timber harvest and livestock grazing are both forms of land management you may encounter while using this area. The livestock grazing on this area is managed in a very progressive and specific manner. The fences and gates that you may see are critical to managing the livestock and meeting the resource objectives that are planned for this area. Please close all gates that you open as you travel through the area. Controlling the livestock in the manner that we have planned is important.



**treadlightly!**  
LEAVING A GOOD IMPRESSION



# ERICKSON SPRINGS CAMPGROUND

Elevation 6,800 feet



**Entrance sign at Erickson Springs Campground**

**Gunnison National Forest  
Paonia Ranger District**



**For any questions or comments please contact:**  
Paonia Ranger District  
403 N. Rio Grande Ave., P.O. Box 1030  
Paonia, CO 81428  
Phone: (970) 527-4131 Fax: (970) 527-4151  
email: lbroyles@fs.fed.us or barrettcfunka@fs.fed.us  
Or visit [www.fs.usda.gov/gmug](http://www.fs.usda.gov/gmug)



### Directions from Paonia:

1. Travel **northeast** on Hwy 133 for 15 miles.
2. Turn **east** onto Gunnison County Road 12, Kebler Pass Road, and continue for 5.5 miles.

### Directions from Crested Butte:

1. Travel **west** on Gunnison County Road 12, Kebler Pass Road, for 25 miles.
2. The Campground is on the north side of the road.

The Erickson Springs Campground lies in the heart of the Gunnison National Forest on the Paonia Ranger District and provides easy access to the Raggeds Wilderness.

**Recreation Resource Management of America** is a private company founded to operate campgrounds and other recreational facilities in National Forests and state parks. RRM of A is in the business of providing quality recreation management services, with a focus on customer satisfaction and environmental stewardship.

**BRING ALONG YOUR CAMERA,  
THERE ARE LOTS OF PHOTO  
OPPORTUNITIES!**



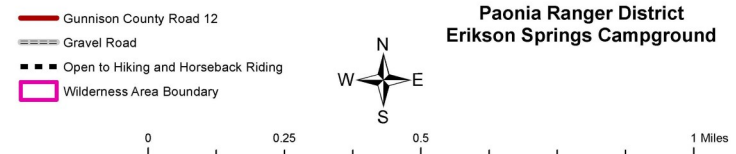
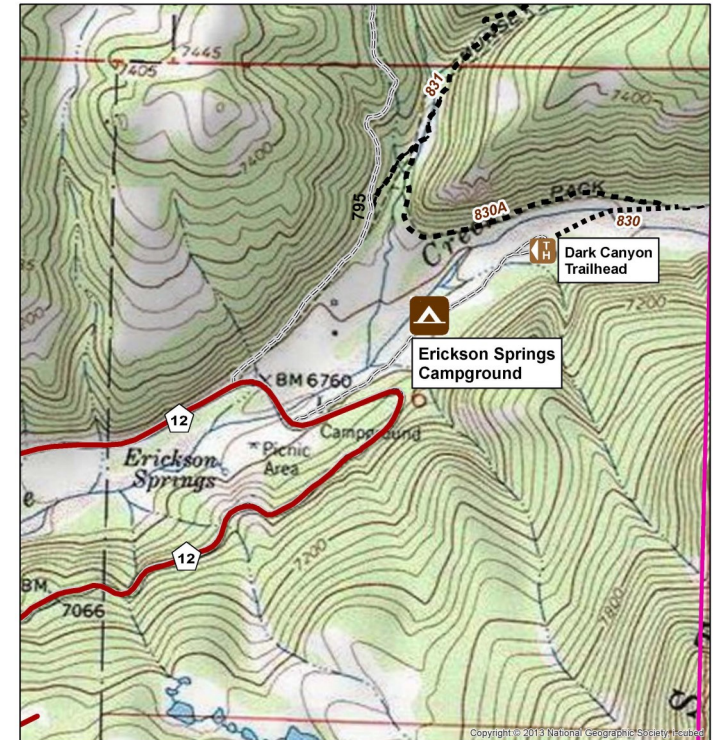
ATV Parking at Erickson Springs

Parking is provided at the Erickson Springs Recreation Area for ATVs using the near by Ragged Trail #820. ATVs are **ONLY** allowed on Gunnison County Road 12 from the ATV parking to Forest Service Road #795 to access the Raggeds Trail.

The Raggeds Trail provides access to Tomahawk Reservoir and Williams Creek Lake where Trout fishing can be good.



A View from the Erickson Springs Campground



### Principles of Leave No Trace:

1. Plan Ahead & Prepare
2. Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors